

## The Middletown Transcript

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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1878.

It is officially stated that the late unpleasantness with the Sioux Indians cost the Great Father's people, \$2,312,531.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON, of Returning Board notoriety, was released from prison Monday last, the Supreme Court having refused the application of the Attorney-General for a rehearing in the case.

We welcome to our exchange table the *Era*, a new Cambridge, Md., paper. It is a seven column folio, Republican in politics and displays considerable ability both in its editorial and local columns.

The people of Massachusetts are now tired of prohibitory laws in regard to the sale of liquor, and are anxious to try the Moffet bell punch. The measure is now under consideration by the Legislature.

SATURDAY last a caucus of Republican Senators was held in Washington for the purpose of harmonizing the differences with the President. The attendance was slim, and it is said the caucus adjourned without result.

PEACH GROWERS still incline to the opinion that the buds were badly damaged by the late freeze, but they are more hopeful than they were immediately after the visit of the "polar wave." A number of growers have expressed an opinion that if there is no further damage they will have a fourth crop, while some others think they will have a fair yield if the weather proves favorable through this and next month.

We have received an anonymous letter which gives the *Transcript* an overhauling for not showing in its columns any sympathy for the colored men, Collins and Chambers, who were recently hanged for the crime of rape, at New Castle. In this case the *Transcript* took the ground that these men had had a fair trial, and had been convicted by an impartial jury. The laws of this State say this heinous crime shall be punished by death. The bad character of the woman, Smith, even if it is as bad as painted, does not mitigate the crime in the eye of the law. It was not for revenge that these men were hanged, but to vindicate the law and make more dreadful the consequences of the commission of this crime. We have no prejudice against the colored people, but desire to see them educated and become good citizens as only by education and enlightenment can they be worthy to exercise the powers and privileges conferred upon them by Congress. Colored men who desire to be good citizens should not uphold criminals now as they should go unpunished. By so doing they not only do injury to themselves, but to their whole race.

ELECTIONS occurred in several States during this week. In Rhode Island, Charles C. Vanzandt, Republican candidate for Governor, was elected by an increased majority, over the Democratic and Greenback candidates. The Legislature is also Republican by the usual majority.

Local elections were held in Ohio, Indiana, New York, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In Ohio the Republicans carried Cleveland, Portsmouth, Athens, Mount Vernon, Delaware, Belletontaine and Cambridge, and the Democrats carried Columbus, Toledo, Newark, Hamilton, Springfield, Dayton and Urbana. The Democrats carried Cincinnati by from 500 to 2,000 majority, electing all but one of the city officers. In Indiana the Republicans carried Indianapolis and Richmond. The National Party showed considerable strength in some places. In Schenectady, N. Y., the Democratic ticket was elected by a large majority. Milwaukee elected a Democratic city ticket by from 300 to 900 majority. Minneapolis, Minn., elected Rand, Republican, for Mayor, by 300 majority.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—The decided expression of Austrian sympathy with the English position on the Eastern question is attributed to the unexpectedly broad views expressed in Lord Salisbury's circular. Though the cabinet may have understood the matter, it is stated the Austrian people at first believed that England would object only to such articles of the treaty as St. Stefano as affected her own interests. It is now discovered from Lord Salisbury's circular that England embraces the interests of Austria also, and it is even asserted with some enthusiasm in Vienna that "England is championing international rights." The pro-English ton of portions of the German press continues to indicate what is held to be the tenor of Prince Bismarck's sentiments, yet a strong pro-Russian party still exists in Berlin. The German iron-clad fleet, it is said, will proceed to the East in May. In England the anti-war party has become weakened by the strain of the crisis upon its patriotism, and sixty or seventy liberal members of Parliament have given adhesion to a movement to prevent the party from trammeling the government's foreign policy. It is asserted in Constantinople that the conversion of the Sultan to pro-Russian ideas is imminent.

In pursuance of an order by President Vanderbilt for a reduction of the force in the machine shops of the New York Central Railroad, 134 men were discharged from the shops at Syracuse on Saturday night.

## Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1878.

Neither of the two Houses nor the committee thereof made yesterday—Monday—memorable in the history of the country. Debate was continued in the Senate on what is becoming known as the Funding bills, which propose various ways of securing the Government in the advances already made towards building Pacific railroads. Mr. Thurman is the accepted leader of those who seek to hold the roads to terms not in the original grants, and Messrs. Matthews and Hill divide the honors as leaders of those who hold that the Government must abide by the terms agreed upon when aid was first given.

Trebeck and the California mare, Mollie McCarthy, are to run four miles at Louisville, Ky., on the 4th of July next, for \$10,000.

The trial of Henry Barlange, in Baltimore, for the murder of his brother, John H. Barlange, in September last, resulted on Saturday in a verdict of guilty, with a fine of \$1,000.

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A Grand Concert IN TOWN HALL, Middletown, Del., ON THE EVENING OF

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22d, 1878.

MISS COLE BEGS LEAVE TO INFORM her Friends and Acquaintances, that she will give a Grand Concert at the above time and place when she will be assisted by accomplished Lady Pianists of Middletown, and also by her pupils.

Solos, Duets, Trios & Choruses will be rendered, and during the evening number of

Select Readings will be given.

Price's Orchestra engaged.

General Admission, 35 cents; School Masters and Masters, 25 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock; Entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock.

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BREAD CAKES

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully inform the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that he has taken the Old Bakery, formerly occupied by John Carroll, at the Corner of Main and Church Streets, and has procured the services of one of the best bakers that Philadelphia affords, and is now fully prepared to furnish anything that may be wanted in the baking line. Call and my

CAPTAIN J. WESLEY ABBOTT left his home, in Lambertville, N. J., on Tuesday, to collect bills, and was seen the same night with considerable money in his possession. Nothing further was seen of him until Friday night, when his body was found in the canal, close to his residence. His pockets contained only eight dollars and seven cents. A coroner's jury decided that he came to his death at the hands of parties unknown.

The store of J. S. Jamison, at Westport, opposite Piedmont, W. Va., was robbed on Friday night, of \$24,000 in securities, \$2,500 in cash, and over \$20,000 in promissory notes. The latter were afterwards found in a yard near the store. A man living near the store heard the noise when the safe was blown open, and raised his window. Two burglars, standing in the street, threatened to shoot him if he did not put his head, and frightened him so that he dared not give a alarm.

The Senate has put an end to the Toledo post office fight, so far as Mr. Reed was the cause of trouble. It yesterday refused, by a vote of 27 to 14, to confirm him. Senator Thurman said the present incumbent of the office, Dawling, was an efficient and acceptable officer, and the nomination of Reed was not in the line of civil service reform. Senator T. forgot to add that if the nomination had been in that line it never would have been made.

A suggestion, made only a week since, that committees of the two Houses be appointed to consider our commercial and other relations with the British Provinces, with a view to a closer identification of mutual interests, receive wide support. Senator Blane would doubtless be Chairman on the part of the Senate, and in the House there are a large number of men fitted for a like position. Important results might be brought about by such action, especially as it is believed public feeling throughout the Dominion is such that we will be met half way in any advances we may make.

SOLON.

The Wholesale Trade in Fruits.

The scene along the lower portion of the North River front during the spring and summer months is one not to be equalled any where in the world. Schooners and coasting craft are loading their cargoes of strawberries, peaches, melons, and all kinds of fruits and produce from the South, and the immense quantities, the seeming carelessness as to whether goods ever reach the right persons or not, the bustle and confusion, the cursing of negro drivers and the continual banter of the police crowd, all these make up a picture not soon to be forgotten. Nearly all Southern fruit and produce are landed in this part of the city, and the great wholesale and commission houses are located conveniently near. One of the best known and most influential houses in the wholesale fruit and produce trade is that of R. E. Cochran, and is composed of Mr. R. E. Cochran, and Mr. E. M. Hanson. They occupy the entire building at the location named, which is five stories high, and covers 30x90 feet of ground. This house while dealing in all regular lines of fruit and produce, makes a specialty of Southern goods. In the season they probable handle more peaches than any concern in the city, and they also receive the earliest consignments. Their extensive connections and unrivaled facilities give them a great advantage over the majority of dealers of green stuffs, as they can get Southern produce to market much earlier. Their Southern receipts are from Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Virginia, working North as the season advances. During the present season Messrs. Cochran & Co. have handled more Delaware sweet potatoes than all the other houses in the trade put together, and the stock has been of unusually good quality. In peaches and berries their transactions during the summer months are enormous. The Governor of Delaware is an uncle of Mr. Cochran, and owns large peach orchards in the best part of that State, and his very great influence naturally gives this house advantages not possessed by any other concern in the trade. In the winter season this firm receive largely Western poultry and game, also pork and calves.—*N. Y. Trade Journal.*

PEACH CROP IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND.—A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, writing from Plum Point, Calvert county, Md., says: "The peach crop in Calvert county seems to have been almost entirely destroyed by the recent cold snap. A careful examination of several large orchards in this vicinity enables me to say that all low-leaf fruit varieties there may be a fair crop; but early fruit for some years has been very unprofitable to growers. They therefore regard the present crop as an absolute failure. Messrs. Henry Williams & Bro., whose orchards are near this place, have been requested by Commissioner Lee Due to furnish for the use of the agricultural department the fruit specimens of lower Maryland, to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition. Present appearances would indicate that there is not much chance of a favorable display. The wheat crop in this neighborhood is looking well."

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETON GRAIN MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY M. F. REYNOLDS & CO.

Wheat,.....\$1 28@1 34 Corn, yellow.....46@4 1/2 Corn, white.....45@4 1/2 Oats.....46@4 1/2 Timothy Seed.....70@7 1/2 Clover.....25@2 1/2

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LIVERPOOL MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY M. F. REYNOLDS & CO.

Wheat.....\$1 27@1 40 Corn, yellow.....53@5 55 Corn, white.....52@5 54 Oats, Southern, new.....37@3 38 Rye.....63@6 66

GENERAL NEWS.

The public debt statement for March shows a reduction of \$2,313,614.

The "International Sunday School Jubilee" is to take place in Atlanta, Ga., on the 17th inst.

The infamous "Madame Restell" (Ann Lohman) committed suicide in New York, on Monday, by cutting her throat.

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